

# **NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Block Island School**

**July 13, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, July 13, 2009, in the media center of the Block Island School.**

**Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, and William Padien. Richard Tretheway was not in attendance. Mr. Hicks and Dr. Irving were also present.**

## **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion (McGarry, Hall) to approve the minutes of the meetings held on June 12 and 15, 2009, as presented carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve the executive session minutes of the meetings held on May 18 and June 12, 2009, as written carried with a vote of 4-0.**

## **Reports**

**Mr. Hicks stated that he spent his first day on the job reviewing and reconciling the 2009-2010 general operating budget. A spreadsheet listing the FY 2010 education aid was submitted. It included \$14,547 in stimulus special education and \$3,958 in stimulus Title 1, neither of which can be mixed in with school funds, for a total of \$100,922 in**

state aid. He went through the School Committee minutes and made an adjustment of \$1,500 to special education equipment because stimulus funds can be used for this purpose. The FY 2010 general operating budget, in the amount of \$4,433,656.00, is now balanced.

Mr. Hicks spent the rest of his time on the job getting to know School Committee members and other town officials.

### **Old Business**

A motion (McGarry, Butcher) to approve Policy ID: Extra-Curricular/Athletic Participation as written carried with a vote of 4-0. According to School Committee bylaws, this policy will be addressed at the next regular meeting because all five members were not in attendance. Mr. Hicks stated that once this policy is approved, an administrative plan, which deals with students making up work and time, is ready to be implemented.

An updated list of line items and the amount that each could potentially go over budget was submitted along with the suggested line item where funds could be found in the 2008-2009 general operating budget. A motion (McGarry, Butcher) to increase the administration department payroll taxes by \$46.73; increase legal by \$329.22; increase advertising by \$65.15; increase copier lease/maintenance by \$77.86; increase the education department special education director by \$808.11; increase payroll taxes by \$1,276.82; increase travel by \$1,177.94; increase equipment

**maintenance by \$238.61; increase consultant/guidance by \$309.15; increase principal's budget by \$28.70; reduce the administration department benefits line item by \$10,709.86; increase the building department payroll taxes by \$198.61; increase water by \$760.46; increase fuel oil/propane by \$1,497.46; increase electricity by \$5,714.86; and decrease the building department benefits by \$2,668.03 for a total increase of \$12,529.68 and a total decrease of \$13,377.89 carried with a vote of 4-0.**

### **New Business**

**A motion (McGarry, Hall) to appoint James N. Nadeau and Company to complete the district's 2009-2010 annual audit carried with a vote of 3-0 with Shea Butcher having recused himself.**

**A motion (McGarry, Hall) to consent to the reappointment of Marsha Gutierrez as the district's School Committee Clerk for the 2009-2010 fiscal year carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (McGarry, Hall) to consent to the reappointment of Steven Draper as the district's Attendance Officer for the 2009-2010 school year carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (McGarry, Padien) to reappoint the firm of Asquith & Mahoney, LLP to provide legal services to the district on an as needed basis for the 2009-2010 fiscal year carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**Town Manager Nancy Dodge stated from the audience that, because**

**of recent events, the town would find it very difficult to deal with Asquith & Mahoney.**

**A motion (McGarry, Padien) to reappoint the physician representative(s) of the Block Island Health Services as the school physician(s) for the 2009-2010 school year carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (McGarry, Padien) to reappoint the dentist representative(s) of the Block Island Health Services as the school dentist(s) for the 2009-2010 school year carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (Padien, Hall) to appoint Sean McGarry as the School Committee delegate to the Rhode Island Association of School Committees carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (McGarry, Butcher) to designate Bank of America and Washington Trust Company as the official bank depositories carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (Butcher, Hall) to approve the designation of the Block Island Times to advertise regularly scheduled and interim School Committee meetings carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (Butcher, Padien) to approve the designation of Chairperson and Secretary as authorized signatories of checks for the general account, and to approve the designation of the Principal**

**and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent as authorized signatories of checks for the student activities account was then amended to designate the Chairperson and Secretary as authorized signatories of the student activities account and carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (McGarry, Hall) to consent to the reappointment of John Breunig as the head coach for the varsity soccer team carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (McGarry, Padien) to consent to the reappointment of Rob Closter as the Athletic Director and head coach for the girls' junior high basketball team carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (McGarry, Butcher) to consent to the reappointment of Paul Cunningham as the head coach for the boys' junior high basketball team carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (Butcher, Padien) to consent to the reappointment of Roberta Dailey as the assistant coach for the varsity softball team and assistant coach for the girls' junior high basketball team carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (Butcher, Padien) to consent to the reappointment of Frank Nicastro as the assistant coach for the boys' varsity basketball team carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (Butcher, Hall) to consent to the reappointment of John Warfel as the head coach for the varsity softball team carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**Amy Dugan and Toni Lemoine expressed interest in tutoring students in reading and math this summer. Ms Dugan will have 14 students and Mrs. Lemoine will have 12 students. Each will be compensated at the rate of \$20 per hour. A motion (Padien, Hall) to consent to the appointments of Amy Dugan and Toni Lemoine as summer reading/math tutors carried with a vote of 4-0. Mr. Padien requested that, in the future, appointments for summer programs be made prior to the beginning of the programs.**

**The Child Outreach Contract Agreement between the New Shoreham School Department and the Southern Rhode Island Collaborative, which will provide the initial steps for the provision of services for preschool children who reside on Block Island, was submitted for review. A motion (McGarry, Butcher) to approve the Child Outreach Contract Agreement with SORICO and authorize Marsha Gutierrez to sign as the School Committee Clerk carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**The audit engagement letter from Jeffrey Wadovick of James N. Nadeau & Company, LLP, who will complete the 2008-2009 audit, as agreed last year, at a cost of \$7,300.00, was submitted for review. A motion (McGarry, Hall) to approve the audit engagement letter and**

**authorize the chairman to sign as required carried with a vote of 4-0.**

### **Calendar of Events**

**The next regular meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for August 17, 2009.**

### **Executive Session**

**A motion (Padien, Hall) at 7:38 p.m. to go into executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4, 5(a)(2) for contract negotiations carried with a vote of 4-0.**

### **Open Session**

**A motion (Padien, McGarry) at 7:50 p.m. to return to open session carried with a vote of 4-0.**

**A motion (Hall, Butcher) to authorize the chairman to sign the contract with Superintendent Robert Hicks for the period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, carried with a vote of 4-0.**

### **Adjournment**

**A motion (Padien, Butcher) at 7:51 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.**

**Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk**

**Date approved: August 17, 2009**